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PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

EPA plans to issue revisions to air permits for a wood products facility in St. Maries, Idaho

Public comment period ends February 22, 2021

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is seeking public comment on draft revisions to a Clean Air Act (CAA) minor New Source Review (NSR) air permit and a Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) air permit authorizing a modification to the PotlatchDeltic Land and Lumber, LLC facility located at 2200 Railroad Avenue, St. Maries, Idaho. Because the facility is located within the exterior boundaries of the Coeur d'Alene Reservation and because the Coeur d'Alene Tribe does not have an EPA-approved permitting program, it is the EPA's responsibility to take action on the company's air permit application.

PotlatchDeltic owns and operates a combined sawmill and plywood plant that produces lumber and plywood products in St. Maries, Idaho. PotlatchDeltic proposes revisions to the minor NSR and PSD permits that authorize construction of a fifth steam-heated softwood lumber dry kiln (LK-6), expanding the plant's capacity to produce dried lumber and increasing the utilization of two existing biomass boilers and related sawmill and planer mill operations. Construction of the kiln has been completed, and the company began drying lumber in the new kiln in October 2019. In March 2020, the company submitted an application to revise the permits. There are no physical changes or changes in the method of operation being requested in the permit application. The LK-6 project was originally and remains a "major" modification of the existing facility for volatile organic compounds and a "minor" modification of the facility for carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, particulate matter (PM), PM with an aerodynamic diameter less than 10 micrometers, and PM with an aerodynamic diameter less than 2.5 micrometers.

The EPA is proposing the following two changes to both permits based on the company's revision application: (1) revise the new kiln's operating temperature limits to use average temperature values measured across all kiln zones as bases, and (2) revise the ten-day written deviation notification requirement to apply to specified permit conditions. The EPA is also revising the permits to make technical corrections. The EPA is updating the PSD permit to reflect revised kiln VOC emission factors, and updating the minor NSR permit to reflect the results of PM2.5 testing conducted March 2020 for two baghouses serving planer mill operations. To ensure the permit continues to assure compliance with applicable requirements, Region 10 is updating the daily and annual allowable emission limits for the associated emission units (each controlled by a baghouse) to reflect the recent PM2.5 test data as follows:

Proposed Changes to PM2.5 Emission Limits in Minor NSR Permit

Emission Unit	Description	Existing Limits		Proposed Limits	
		pounds/day	tons/year	pounds/day	tons/year
PCWR-PM-SH	Pneumatic conveyance of planer shavings to storage	19.75	3.08	6.53	1.01
PCWR-PM-SD	Pneumatic conveyance of sawdust and chipped trim ends to storage	17.77	2.77	5.77	0.90

See the technical support documents for this project (fact sheet for the PSD permit and permit analysis for the minor NSR permit) for more details about the EPA's analysis and decisions.

How can I get more information? You can access, download and view an electronic copy of the administrative record, including the draft permits, technical support documents (PSD fact sheet and minor NSR permit analysis) and application material, from the EPA's web site at https://www.epa.gov/publicnotices/notices-search/location/Idaho. All data submitted by the applicant is available as part of the administrative record. You can also request a physical copy of the administrative record or individual documents in the record by contacting EPA's Dan Meyer at (206) 553-4150 or meyer.dan@epa.gov. You can also contact PotlatchDeltic for more information: Jacob Odekirk, Environmental Manager, (208) 245-7503, jacob.odekirk@potlatchdeltic.com, 2200 Railroad Avenue, St. Maries, Idaho 83861.

How do I comment on the permit? Any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permits to EPA at **r10_air_permits@epa.gov**. Include "PotlatchDeltic" in the subject line of the email. If you are unable to submit comments via email, please call Dan Meyer at (206) 553-4150. If you believe that any condition of the draft permits is inappropriate, you must raise all reasonably ascertainable issues with supporting arguments by submitting your written comments on or before the end of the comment period. Any documents supporting your comments must be included in full and may not be incorporated by reference, unless they are already part of the administrative record for the draft permits or consist of tribal, state or federal statutes or regulations or other generally available referenced materials. **All written comments must be received by EPA on or before February 22, 2021.**

Will there be a public hearing? You can request a public hearing on the draft permits. Requests for a hearing must be received in writing by EPA at **r10_air_permits@epa.gov** on or before the end of the comment period and contain your reasons for requesting a hearing. Include "PotlatchDeltic" in the subject line of the email. If you are unable to submit your request via email, please call Dan Meyer at (206) 553-4150. If a public hearing is held, the comment period will be extended through the date of the public hearing.

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For people with disabilities: Please contact the EPA contact listed above before the end of the comment period if you have any special requests for reasonable accommodations. For TTY users: please call the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.